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Title:

ROBERTS ANCAN

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Synopsis:

NY T-1 furnished information from NY T-2 that subject, prior to World War II, was convicted for Communist activity while student in high school in Latvia, but later released because of age. Two sisters also reportedly arrested in Latvia for Communist activities before World War II. After Soviet domination of Latvia, one of subject's brothers became member of Latvian puppet parliament in 1940. Subject one of founders of Disabled Latvian War Veterans, allegedly founded to split existing Latvian war veteran organization Daugavas Vainagi. NY T-1 stated subject, since being in US, has been instrumental in trying to create discord in recent national meetings of American Latvian Association and has tried to belittle anti-Soviet activity on part of organization. Subject residing with wife, two children and mother-in-law at 103-33 115th St., Richmond Hill, Long Island. Employed as draftsman, Otis Elevator Company, NYC. Subject born 11/11/19, Tilzas, Latvia, and entered the US 12/16/55. Information re bank account set out. NY T-4 advised subject serving in Latvian Army when Russia took over Latvia in 1940, and was mobilized into Red Army. Subsequently he became a Lieutenant in the Latvian Legion and served as officer until end of war. NY T-4 stated subject under intelligence observation in Latvian Legion, but no derogatory information obtained. It was NY T-4's recollection subject had worked for a short time for CIA in Germany, before 1951 or 1952.

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DETAILS:

On September 14 and September 25, 1951, NY T-1 advised that he had received the following information concerning subject through NY T-2:

ROBERTS ANKANS, 103-33 115th Street, Richmond Hill, New York, was born in a province of Latvia closest in geographic location and sympathies to the Soviet Union. He is approximately 45 years of age and he came to the United States in 1955 or 1956. His occupation is unknown. ANKANS is considered somewhat of a national Latvian hero, inasmuch as he received one of the highest decorations possible when he fought with the Latvian Battalion on the Eastern Front during World War II.

The subject, before World War II, while Latvia was still free, was convicted in Latvia for Communist activity while a student in high school. He was released shortly after his arrest because it was felt his activities were motivated by his immaturity and the misinformation sometimes prevalent in students of his age.

During active military service in the Latvian Army, the subject was under constant observation by the Security Division of the Army and was politically doubtful. However, no positive information was ever received about his pro-Communist activities during this time. NY T-2 personally knew of this constant observation of the subject in the Army.

Two of the subject's sisters were arrested in Latvia for Communist activities before World War II.

After the Soviet domination of Latvia, one of subject's brothers became a member of the Latvian puppet parliament in the early stages of Soviet occupation, right after the annexation of Latvia by the Soviet Union in 1940.

After World War II, in Latvia, the subject was one of the founders of a disabled Latvian war veterans organization entitled, "Latvian Kara Invalidu Apvieniba". This organization was founded to split up the already existing Latvian war veteran organization entitled "Daugavas Vainagi", and to

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known its activity. This latter organization has information that the first mentioned organization had within its ranks planted Communist reporters or observers dedicated to the discrediting of organizations striving for a free Latvia. However, no names or confirming information was ever specifically obtained.

NY T-1 stated they have no specific information about the subject in an espionage agent. However, since he has been in this country he has been instrumental in trying to create discord in recent national meetings of the American Latvian Association and is trying to belittle anti-Soviet activity on the part of this organization. NY T-1 stated therefore, because of his activities and background, subject has come under suspicion by some Latvian leaders in this country as a tool of the Soviet Union.

The June 27, 1961 Queens Address Telephone Directory lists NORMAN ANCAHS with telephone number VI 3-6527 at 103-33 115th Street. Also listed at this address was HAROLD P. MILLER, telephone VI 5-7606.

The 1958-1959 Queens Address Telephone Directory lists ANCAHS with the same telephone number at 104-41 104th Street, Ozone Park.

The indices of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) contain no record on HAROLD P. MILLER.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as furnished by PAULINE DE FIORE to IC JOHN T. DOWNEY on October 17, 1961, contained a report dated July 11, 1961, reflecting that NORMAN ANCAHS had been living at 103-33 115th Street, Richmond Hill, Long Island, for 34 years. He was 43 years of age, married with two children. His wife's name was given as ILGA HIRUTA. He was a draftsman with the Otis Elevator Company, 260 11th Avenue, New York City, and had a special checking account with the Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, 475 West 23rd Street, New York City. There was no derogatory information concerning the subject.

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Records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, New York City, as furnished by H. ROBERTSON to IC JOHN J. CARNEY on November 1, 1961, reflect that 1961 registration QX7916, was registered for a 1955 green and white Chrysler sedan serial number W835-61994, under the name of ROBERTS ANCANS, 103-33 115th Street, Richmond Hill, New York. His date of birth was given as November 11, 1919, and his business as the Otis Elevator Company, Ltd., 260 - 11th Avenue, New York City. There was no current driving license listed to date for ANCANS.

On October 19, 1961, Mrs. EDITH MARTINO, Personnel Office, 6th floor, Otis Elevator Company, 260 11th Avenue, New York City, advised that ROBERTS ANCANS, 103-33 115th Street, Richmond Hill, Long Island, was presently employed as a "Draftsman A", and his employment was satisfactory. She stated there was nothing derogatory in his file. He entered employment with Otis Elevator Company on June 20, 1957, as a "Draftsman B".

An application dated June 19, 1957, reflected ANCANS was then residing at 104-41 104th Street, Richmond Hill, Long Island, telephone VI 3-6527. He was born November 11, 1919. He attended Riga High School for five years and the University of Riga for two years, taking a course in mechanical engineering. He was admitted to the United States on December 16, 1955, and held AER #10233045. He was married, had four dependents, and rented his present dwelling. He listed his height as 5' 10" and his weight as 194 pounds. He listed languages spoken as Latvian and German.

As dependents living with him, ANCANS listed his wife IIGA, 29; daughter, RITA, six years; son, GVIDO, 5 years; mother-in-law, MARTA LUTINS, 52. Subject listed the following references:

JURIS UPESLESA - Designer  
JANIS CILDERMANIS - Engineer  
IVARS LAIS - Designer

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He listed previous employment as follows:

Air Research Associates  
136 Liberty, New York City  
Draftsman  
March, 1957 - June 17, 1957  
\$30.00 per week

Constr. Co  
Pastor/Mech.  
272 Brover Street  
Rockville Centre,  
New York  
Carpenter from  
February, 1956 to November, 1956 -  
no more jobs

M.A.N. (Maschinenfabr. Augsburg - Nyl.)  
Augsburg, Germany, as a mechanical  
draftsman from May, 1953 to  
November, 1955

The indices of the New York Office of the FBI  
contain no record of JUANES UPESLESA, JAMES CILDERMANS and  
IVANS LANS, and subject's mother-in-law, MARIA LUTUMS.

On October 30, 1961, FRANK INCORVAIA, Bookkeeper,  
Air Research Associates, 22 East 42nd Street, New York City,  
advised that ROBERTS ANCAIS, 104-41 104th Street, Ozone Park,  
New York, telephone VI 3-6527, was employed by that company  
from March 25, 1957 to June 7, 1957, at \$70.00 per week.  
His Social Security number was 129-30-2534. He was born  
November 11, 1919, and had five dependents. It was  
indicated he had no Blue Cross.

INCORVAIA advised that P. M. NOLAN, Senior Engineer,  
was the only employee around who actually remembered ANCAIS.  
NOLAN advised INCORVAIA that ANCAIS was not much of a  
draftsman and was released soon after he had been hired.

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MOHAN further advised that no employment applications were filled out at that time, but the Social Security number and the age of a prospective employee were all that were required.

On October 19, 1961, NY T-3 advised that in addition to special account number 014-500566, ROBERTS ANCAHS had a savings account number 14-7407, at the Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, 23rd Street and 10th Avenue, New York City. He opened this account October 6, 1958, with a deposit of \$2000. The only other deposit in the account was for \$170.00 on October 1, 1959. The remaining entries are withdrawals, generally in low three-figure amounts. The balance in the account now is \$5.23, which was reached on October 28, 1960.

The signature card dated October 6, 1958, for ROBERTS ANCAHS reflects that he was a draftsman residing at 104-41 104th Street, Richmond Hill, Queens, New York. He was born November 11, 1919, in Latvia. He listed his father as ANTON, his mother as ZELCS, and his wife as ILGA.

In an application dated October 6, 1958, for a special checking account, he stated that he had been employed with the Otis Elevator Company, 260 11th Avenue, New York City, for two years. He listed his telephone number as CH 4-8000, Extension 697.

On November 2, 1961, NY T-3 furnished the following information concerning checks drawn on ROBERTS ANCAHS special checking account number 014-500566:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
376	October 10, 1961	Otis Elevator Company	\$ 15.00
377	October 13, 1961	Mr. J. BOLE	10.00

This check was endorsed JANIS BOLE and contained a stamp of the National Bank of Windham, Windham, New York, dated October 19, 1961

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<u>Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
378	October 13, 1961	Mr. J. OZOLINS	\$ 6.00
	This check was endorsed JAMES OZOLINS		
379	October 13, 1961	Otis Elevator Company	75.00
380	October 13, 1961	Consolidated Edison Company	15.92
381	October 13, 1961	Mr. V. JARSONIS, M.D.	6.00
	This check contained on the back a stamp of the Chase Manhattan Bank.		
382	October 18, 1961	Otis Elevator Company	50.00
383	October 22, 1961	Mr. A. E. LAURIS	6.50
	This check contained on the back a stamp of the Conestoga National Bank, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.		
384	October 23, 1961	Humble Oil and Refining Company	34.26
385	October 26, 1961	Otis Elevator Company	35.00

The foregoing information furnished by NY T-3 is not to be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The indices of the New York Office of the FBI contain no record of subject's parents, listed above, of JAMES DOLE and A. E. LAURIS.

On September 8, 1961, SIDNEY A. DAVIS, Assistant Chief, Records Administration and Information Section, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), 20 West Broadway, New York City, made available to SA WILLIAM F. MARTIN the INS file number A10233856, on ROBERTS ANCHAS, which reflects the following information:

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An application for Immigrant Visa and Alien Registration I-1072440, reflects ANCAIS, who stated he was born November 11, 1919, Tilza, Latvia, stated he was also known as POLIS HELMINGTON. His last permanent residence was 55 Vogesenstr., Augsburg, Germany. He was destined to HEINRICHS MAGATAIS, 410 East 163rd Street, Bronx 56, New York. He was described as 5' 8", 205 pounds; dark blond hair; gray blue eyes; fair complexion; stateless Latvian; scars on forehead and left cheek; occupation, professional army officer, now painter and driver. He spoke Latvian, German, Russian and some English. ANCAIS listed previous residences at Tilza - 1933; Riga - 1939; Army service and P.O.W. in Latvia, Russia and Germany - 1946; Bad Woerishofen - 1948; Neuburg - 1950; Augsburg/Hochfeld, Germany, to date.

Subject listed his relatives as follows:

Wife	ILGA ANCAIS
Daughter	RITA ANCAIS
Son	GUIDO ANCAIS
Father	ANTONS ANCAIS, deceased
Mother	MARIJA, nee ZEIGS, "Address Unknown"

ANCAIS filed an Affidavit in Lieu of a Birth Certificate, a marriage certificate, an Affidavit in Lieu of Discharge Certificate, police record, Certificate of Readmission and verified Assurance Number 38657, approved June 29, 1955. He claimed to be a non-quota immigrant eligible as an escapee, and stated that in 1949, he had applied for an immigrant visa at the IRO Office, Neuburg/Dn., Germany, and in 1952, applied again at the United States (US) Consulate in Munich, Germany.

He was granted an immigrant visa number 59433 on November 10, 1955, as a stateless Latvian by G. MICHAEL BACHE at Munich. He held Reiseausweis number 0020306 dated November 10, 1953, at Augsburg, Germany, expiring November 10, 1956.

It was certified that subject had arrived at the



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Port of New York December 16, 1955, on the USNS General W. C. Langfit.

By card dated February 8, 1956, ANCANS advised that he was living with his family at 124 10th Street, West Babylon, New York, and his last address was 506 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn 25, New York. He was employed by the Niedritis Construction Company, Incorporated, Bellmore, New York.

On June 16, 1956, ANCANS stated that he was now residing at 104-41 104th Street, Ozone Park, New York, and was employed by Eriks Niedritis, Construction Company, 35 Seaman Street, Rockville Centre, New York. His last address was 124 10th Street, West Babylon, New York.

An affidavit dated April 29, 1955, by LILIJA ABOLTINS, 180 Washington Park, Brooklyn 5, New York, sponsored ROBERTS ANCANS and his wife, Mrs. HILDA ANCANS, born January 6, 1929, Riga, Latvia, and their children, ANA ANCANS, daughter, born August 7, 1951, Augsburg, Germany, and GUIDO IMANTS ANCANS, son, born March 8, 1952, Augsburg. Subject was to be a laborer to be trained to assist a carpenter in framing construction of new buildings at the Niedritis Construction Company, Incorporated, 1146 Dushnell Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. He was to reside with HEINRICH BAGATAIS, 410 East 163rd Street, Bronx, New York. LILIJA ABOLTINS was born in Riga, Latvia, February 2, 1912, and her daughters, BEATRICE and BAIRA ABOLTINS, were born March 25, 1938 and December 22, 1939, respectively. This affidavit was made before the Director of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 5th Avenue, New York, New York.

The indices of the New York Office contained no record concerning POLIS WELLINGTON, HEINRICH BAGATAIS, MARIJA ANCANS, HILDA ANCANS, LILIJA, BEATRICE and BAIRA ABOLTINS or ERIKS NIEDRITIS.

On October 30, 1961, NY T-4 advised that he first knew ROBERTS ANCANS in Germany, possibly in the spring of 1947. ANCANS lived in Augsburg, which was in the American sector. ANCANS was on the Central Board of Daugavas Vanagi in Germany until about 1954, when the Congress elected a

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new member and he was out. With his friends in Hamburg, Germany, in 1955, subject formed the Disabled Latvian War Veterans, of which he was elected Chairman. The organization is still active, and it is located in New York.

ANCANS was serving in the Latvian Army when Russia took over Latvia in 1940. The Latvian Army was mobilized into the Red Army and ANCANS was accordingly mobilized with it. He left the Army as a corporal or sergeant. Subsequently, ANCANS became a lieutenant in the Latvian Legion and served as an officer in the Legion to the end of the war.

NIKOLAI LECHANS, now working for the newspaper, "Latvia" in Germany, served as an intelligence officer with the Latvian Legion. ANCANS was under observation by LECHANS, but LECHANS never obtained any derogatory information against ANCANS.

NY T-4 stated that there were two rumors against ANCANS in Germany. One was that one or two of his sisters was arrested as a Communist and sentenced to prison. The second rumor was that a brother of ANCANS was elected to parliament when it was first organized in cooperation with the Communists, after the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) took over Latvia. ANCANS came from a big family. NY T-4 stated he did not know if there was any substance to these stories at all. However, it was his opinion that ANCANS was "somewhat stupid", and was not intelligent enough to be active as a Soviet agent.

It was NY T-4's recollection that ANCANS had worked a very short time for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in Germany before 1951 or 1952, and he believed this information came to him through VITIS JANUS, who is still in Germany. *True*

On June 3, 1960, IC THOMAS G. CLEARY received a telephone call from an anonymous female complainant who stated that she was a German Jew, and that her husband, a household service man, had been doing some work in the home of ROBERT ANCANS at 103-33 115th Street, Richmond Hill, Queens, and he noticed that one of the subject's walls was almost entirely covered with a mural or photo of himself in a German storm trooper uniform.

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In connection with the foregoing, NY T-4 advised that the uniform of the Latvian Legion was similar in all respects to the German Army uniform with the exception of the collar tabs which contained a different insignia.



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Reference is made to New York report of  
Special Agent Ralph F. Miller, dated and captioned as  
above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced  
communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

New York T-1, New York T-3 and New York T-4 have  
furnished reliable information in the past.

New York T-2 is an individual in a position to  
furnish reliable information pertaining to some of subject's  
background.

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Annex B

Regarding the operational climate for clandestine across-the-border operations in the Suwalki of Poland using recruited ethnic Lithuanians who live on both the Lithuanian as well as the Polish side of the border, Subject elaborated at length as follows:

I. Under no circumstances should these areas be viewed with any degree of security whatsoever, because the KGB and the Polish intelligence services have made intensive counterintelligence preparations in these areas to prevent clandestine operations. The KGB has its emigre directorate (called the Ninth Directorate) under the First Chief Directorate. It is subdivided into its components by nationalities sub-units and a sub-unit for White Guards as a whole. The Lithuanian sub-unit not only monitors all possible Lithuanian emigre groups wherever they may be in the world, but has its resident agents who are informants living in their midst. The counterpart for this activity under the Second Chief Directorate is the Eleventh Directorate, called Nationalities Groups. Formerly it was the Fourth Directorate. Its sub-sections are broken up on a basis of nationalities which are largely geographic and, in the case of Lithuania, there is also the local Lithuanian Nationality Field Office in Vilnius to handle the activity as well as the parent sub-section in Moscow. This sub-section has its agents and informants living among the Lithuanian population particularly near the borders of adjacent countries. The sub-section closely coordinates with the emigre sub-section of the First Directorate and, in addition, obtains support from "Section K" which is the coordinating section for all activities under the First Chief Directorate. This section is headed by Georgiy Stepanovich YEVDOKIMENKO. On the Polish side only the Second Chief Directorate is concerned, which also has a section for non-Polish minorities residing in Poland. This section has liaison channels to the appropriate sub-section of the Second Chief Directorate. Subject stressed that it would be far easier to run operations from either a foreign country in the person of visitors or from a part of Poland not adjacent to the territory. At least, in that manner, the intensive surveillance and unsuspected penetrations from both sides would be minimized. Subject was so emphatic about this that he prepared a map of Poland showing the prominent areas in which Lithuanians reside. He said that each area was given constant and specific counterintelligence attention. Subject was quite interested in this concept, however; and, as it developed later, he agreed to write a short study (referred to above) which would be entitled "Agent Operations against the USSR Based from Satellite Countries."

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Annex E

II. Regarding further information on a Col. JANVINS (or similar name) which Subject had reported previously as being a Lithuanian, a principal agent associated with another principal agent named ROGALL, who in turn had acquaintanceship to some degree with SKORTSENY, Subject stated the following:

1. He could not recall the exact name, but it could have just as well been JANUNS (AIS agent) and he could be a Latvian as well as a Lithuanian, although Subject vaguely recalled that he thought he was Lithuanian. The basic information came from the same data which suspected FRIESEN, the penetration of the German service, and which was contained in a CE dossier as far back as 1945-1946. Subject had previously reported the FRIESEN case to EE. The only additional information was that operations against the West using penetrations against the Baltic peoples, Ukrainians and Belrussians run from Poland by the KGB were conducted by Lt. Col. NASTYUKOV, now in counterintelligence in Kiev; and Col. KAS-  
YANOV, who was later transferred to Prague. Subject saw the file in 1945-1948.

III. Another case of possible interest to SR/2 which was asked by [ ]

[ ] dealt with three persons suspected of clandestine activities in Spain. The first one, KATANOWSKI, a Pole who enjoys favorable trade concessions on goods from Poland, Subject has heard was definitely a Polish agent. The second person, the Spaniard Francisco SOLA y SEQUERAS, is definitely an agent; and Subject knows personally that he was visited by his own acquaintance, a KGB agent and a much-sought man in the West for an assortment of crimes, Herschel LIEBETMAN aka Mischa WISHNEVSKIY who traveled under a Polish passport under the false name of WESLOWSKI when he visited Barcelona in 1959 to contact SOLA y SEQUERAS.

IV. Subject knew nothing about SCHOL-MER.

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